

# City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

November 15, 2013

#### **INFORMATIONAL MEETING: LANGLEY PARKWAY PHASE 3**

On **Thursday, November 21st**, at **6:00 PM** in City Council Chambers, the Engineering Services Division will hold a public information meeting on Phase 3 of the Langley Parkway project. Phase 3 is the final segment of the Langley Parkway corridor, which will extend from Pleasant Street, through the regional medical campus and northward to the intersection of North State Street, Bouton Street and Penacook Street. The purpose of this meeting is to share the findings of the conceptual corridor study, including area travel patterns and changes, potential corridor and intersection layouts and alternatives, and to seek feedback from the public. Public input is an important component of this study and will be reflected in the final report to City Council early next year. Additional information is available at www.concordnh.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3204.

#### PENACOOK UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Three Unitil utility vaults have been installed and next week's work will include connecting each of these vaults with the underground conduit. Work will continue from Merrimack Street, northerly toward Canal Street, and then to the bridge.

The bridge abutments in the northbound lane were formed and poured this past week. The deck membrane and paving of the northbound lane will take place early next week with striping of the bridge to occur by week's end.



#### **LOUDON ROAD WATER MAIN PROJECT**

On Sunday evening, November 17th, the contractor will be striping Loudon Road center line and fog lines. On Monday, during the day, the contractor will connect the 8-inch water main on Old Loudon Road to the new 12-inch water main. During the remainder of the week, the contractor will be working during the day addressing miscellaneous clean-up items. This completes the project.



# TAX DEED AUCTION 280 N. STATE STREET



On Thursday, November 21st, at 3:00 PM, the City, working with St. Jean Auctioneers of Manchester, will be conducting a public auction for real estate located at 280 North State Street. The auction will be held at the property. The property was taken by the City last May for back taxes. The property consists of a 7,200 SF residential building on a 0.2 acre lot across from the State Prison.

#### SEWER LINING PROJECT

Next week, the contractor will line storm drains on North State Street in the vicinity of the NH Prison and Blossom Hill Cemetery. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction. A second crew will be lining sanitary sewer mains in Penacook Village on Monday and Tuesday: a section of storm drain on Manchester Street, at the intersection of Airport Road, on Wednesday; and storm drain in Memorial Field on Thursday. Minor traffic delays are anticipated.

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#### PARALLEL TAXIWAY TO RUNWAY 12/30

The contract for Phase I of the east end of the Concord Airport taxiway was awarded to Continental Paving. In advance of the spring construction season, Continental's subcontractor will be transplanting lupine plants within the work zone to the designated mitigation site adjacent to the abandoned runway. This work will continue until inclement weather arrives.

#### CONCORD'S NEW FRONT DOOR

The Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce is hosting a public meeting to discuss images illustrating the results of ideas that came out of a public charrette focused on improving the appearance of downtown Concord from I-93. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 19th, 5:30-7:30 PM, at the Grappone Conference Center. Please RSVP to info@concordnhchamber.com.

#### 62nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE



Saturday, November 23rd 9:30 AM Loudon Road, Concord

#### CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY KICKS OFF PLAYSPACE

The Concord Public Library launched its new *PlaySpace* in the Children's Room on November 1st. The *PlaySpace* is a hands-on area offering activities for young children and their caregivers to develop the skills children need to get ready to read.

Based on a program developed by the American Library Association, *Every Child Ready to Read*, the *PlaySpace* pinpoints five types of activities to build those skills: talking, singing, reading, writing and playing. Some of the elements of the *PlaySpace* include a writing/drawing area, wooden blocks, a puppet stage, a magnet board with letters and words, and a dramatic play area that will feature different themes on a rotating basis. The current theme is Transportation, complete with cars, trucks and a parking garage. In addition, there are age-appropriate toys to build fine motor skills and reinforce basic concepts like shapes and colors.

Children of all ages, and their grown-ups, are welcome to enjoy the *PlaySpace*. For more information, please call 225-8670.

#### **NEXT WEEK'S LIBRARY ACTIVITIES**

### Affordable Care Act

Monday, November 18th @ 6:30 PM

Join us for an informational session on the Affordable Care Act, presented by the AARP.

#### Family Storytime

Wednesday, November 20th @ 10:30 AM

#### Lapsit

Thursday, November 21st @ 10:30 AM

#### Paws for Pages

Thursday, November 21st @ 3:30 PM

Movie Night: "Oz the Great and Powerful"
Thursday, November 21st @ 6:30 PM
Rated PG, 130 minutes.

All of the above programs are free and open to the public.



For more information about the Concord Public Library, visit <a href="https://www.concordnh.gov/library">www.concordnh.gov/library</a>.